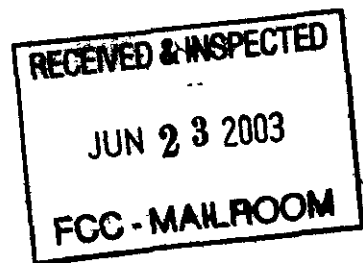


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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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445 12th St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Ms. Irene Flannery
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RE: ICLS and LTS Section 254(e) Certification

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

This letter/affidavit is submitted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.904 of the Commission's rules.

In compliance with the above referenced certification requirement, I Don Snyder, as an authorized representative of Hills Telephone Company do hereby affirm familiarity with and an understanding of the requirements of the Federal Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of any federal universal service funds received as Long Term Support and/or Interstate Common Line Support and do hereby affirm that any such support amounts received by Hills Telephone Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the following study areas:

Company Name	State	Study Area Code
Hills Telephone Company	MN	361406
Hills Telephone Company	IA	351405



Don Snyder, General Manager

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 16th day of June, 2003.

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